

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A security information mediation apparatus comprising:

a registering unit which registers security information presented from an information contributor's terminal;

a first transfer unit which transfers the security information registered by said registering unit to said information recipient's terminal for judging the usefulness of the security information;

a receiving unit which receives the reply information showing the usefulness of the security information and the payment information about payment of the information presentation fee of the corresponding security information from said information recipient's terminal; and

a second transfer unit which transfers the reply information and payment information to said information contributor's terminal.

2. The security information mediation apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said registering unit refers to the registered security information, and registers this security information only if the presented security information is new, and said first transfer unit transfers the security information to said information recipient's terminal only if the presented security information is new.

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3. The security information mediation apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

a classification information registering unit which registers the classification information of the security information desired by the information recipient; and

a classification unit which classifies the security information presented from said information contributor's terminal,

wherein said first transfer unit transfers the security information to said information recipient's terminal only if the classification information and classification result of said classification unit coincide.

4. The security information mediation apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said receiving unit receives invalidity information showing invalidity of the security information from said information recipient's terminal, and said second transfer unit transfers the invalidity information to said information contributor's terminal.

5. The security information mediation apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said receiving unit receives correction information as measure for the security information of which usefulness is shown, and said second transfer unit transfers the correction information to said information contributor's

terminal.

6. The security information mediation apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a disclosing unit which
5 discloses the security information registered by said registering unit.

7. The security information mediation apparatus according to claim 5, further comprising a disclosing unit which
10 discloses the security information registered by said registering unit and the correction information.

8. A security information mediation method comprising:
a registering step of registering security information
15 presented from the information contributor's terminal;

a first transfer step of transferring the security information registered at the registering step to said information recipient's terminal for judging the usefulness of the security information;

20 a receiving step of receiving the reply information showing the usefulness of the security information and the payment information about payment of the information presentation fee of the corresponding security information from said information recipient's terminal; and

25 a second transfer step of transferring the reply

information and payment information to the information contributor's terminal.

9. The security information mediation method according
5 to claim 8, wherein the registering step refers to the registered security information, and registers this security information only if the presented security information is new, and the first transfer step transfers the security information to said information recipient's terminal only
10 if the presented security information is new.

10. The security information mediation method according to claim 8, further comprising:

a classification information registering step of
15 registering the classification information of the security information desired by the information recipient; and

a classification step of classifying the security information presented from the information contributor's terminal,

20 wherein the first transfer step transfers the security information to the information recipient's terminal only if the classification information and classification result at the classification step coincide.

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11. The security information mediation method according to claim 8, wherein the receiving step receives invalidity information showing invalidity of the security information from said information recipient's terminal, and the second
5 transfer step transfers the invalidity information to said information contributor's terminal.

12. The security information mediation method according to claim 8, wherein the receiving step receives correction
10 information as measure for the security information of which usefulness is shown, and the second transfer step transfers the correction information to said information contributor's terminal.

13. The security information mediation method according to claim 8, further comprising a disclosing step of disclosing
15 the security information registered at the registering step.

14. The security information mediation method according to claim 12, further comprising a disclosing step of
20 disclosing the security information registered at the registering step and the correction information.

15. A computer readable medium for storing instructions, which when executed by a computer, causes the computer to perform:

5 a registering step of registering security information presented from the information contributor's terminal;

a first transfer step of transferring the security information registered at the registering step to said information recipient's terminal for judging the usefulness of the security information;

10 a receiving step of receiving the reply information showing the usefulness of the security information and the payment information about payment of the information presentation fee of the corresponding security information from said information recipient's terminal; and

15 a second transfer step of transferring the reply information and payment information to the information contributor's terminal.

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